

## MINUTES OCSJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 9, 2023 Meeting Number 2

\*VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING\*

**Present:** Paul Beatty, Barb Berman, Kathy Billman, Barbara Brandt, Christine Deneller, Kevin Drevik, Joe Fabian, Vicky Gordon, Doug Hillebrecht, Fran Horn, Mark Laible, Rosemary Mason, Maura Mawn, Frank Pearce, Becky Strickland, Eloise Williams

**Absent:** Kevin Carlin

**Guests:** Guy Aiman, Dan Chestnut, Larry Canigula, Glenn Davis, Ron Horowitz

### Previous Minutes

January's minutes were circulated via email and approved.

### President's Comments – Joe Fabian

Sad news that former Board Member and Bike Leader Joe Rottinger passed away. Saw the pictures of the trail work as well as the bridge that was built. The team is making the trails amazing. Happy to see everyone out now and know we're laying the foundation for Spring activities. Looking forward to hearing about the Leaders Banquette and Cape May trip. Took a nasty fall on a hike but am ok!

### Treasurer's Report January 31, 2023 – Mark Laible

TD Bank Checking Account	\$10,824.04	
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$10,824.04
TD Bank Internet Account	\$10,941.58	
Outstanding Check	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$10,941.58
TD Bank Money Market Account	\$ 25,787.59	
Greve Memorial Funds	\$ 7,468.01	
Donation Account	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,255.60
TOTAL CASH:		\$ 55,021.60
	Deposits	<u>4,200.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:		<u>\$ 59,221.22</u>
Cash Retained Earnings from Prior Years		\$69,949.77
Net Income		(10,728.55)
Retained Earnings		<u>\$59,221.22</u>

So far so good! New checks are finally here, set up with Joe, Mark and Frank as signers. The bank waived the fees due to the delays from small complications.

Motion to approve by Eloise, seconded by Kathy. Unanimous approval.

### **Membership Report – Ro Mason**

January Numbers:

Single	988
Family	452
Lifetime	30
2022 Q Leaders	60
<u>Board</u>	<u>17</u>
Total	1547

Notes: 11 checks received. Qualified Leaders and Board members level revised. 23 new members already in February.

### **Activity Chair – Frank Pearce**

Frank will continue to help out with and send the newsletter. Please get any articles to him by Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Canoe/Kayaking - Frank Pearce**

Already had a canoe trip in January on a mild day. Everyone was properly dressed. Have started to receive some dates for upcoming trips as well.

### **Hiking – Becky Strickland**

68 hikes held in January. Added one new hike leader-in-training, Larry Caniglia, who will be co-leading his first hike on Tuesday. Another new member asked about leading but was advised to attend some more hikes first and build up some time with the club.

### **Cycling – Paul Beatty**

31 bike rides held year-to-date. Two hardy souls went out last Saturday during the very cold “polar vortex”. Had another member step up to request being a leader. Will be paired up with other leaders to learn, and fortunately they would like to be a D Leader.

### **Cross Country Skiing –Barbara Brandt**

We had a successful trip to Stowe, VT! Lots of skiing, snow-shoeing, hiking (even biking), and shopping. 2 new leaders did a fabulous job. Unfortunately, our next planned trip has been cancelled due to health reasons of the BnB owner. There are two more coming up after that – NY and VT.

### **Backpacking/Camping – Kevin Drevik**

April, May, June, July and August there are trips planned. Looking forward to weather warming up for potentially more.

## **Trail Maintenance – Ro Mason**

MLK Day held a volunteer maintenance day where we remediated damage in a section of Franklin Parker Preserve that used to be a dirt bike park. Worked to re-forest and close off sections that still get used by those that don't know it's closed. Additionally in FPP improving signage and trails per AI D. complaints about the poor trail markings. A few of the trail crew helped with an "off club" day sponsored by the NJ Conservation Association to build a new bridge on the Batona, on Chatsworth Lake. Also will be assisting Wharton State on Saturday with newer trails around Friendship.

## **Fund Requests**

Chris Denneler requested \$250 for the April 15 annual Hot Dog Hike at Bass River. Barbara seconded – Approved. (Note, fees for the park pavilion are waived.)

Fran Horn requested \$2,000 deposit advance for the June 2-4<sup>th</sup> Cape May Weekend. Ro seconded and Approved.

At this point in the meeting, guests were dismissed so the Board could continue with the Business Call.

## **Old Business**

**Governance/By-Law - Joe** – Pushed to March.

## **New Business**

**Social Media** – with Janine stepping down from the Board, Vicky Gordon will take over the Club's Instagram Account and assist as an editor on the Facebook page. This includes posting event pictures, answering questions and monitoring for unnecessary activity.

**In-Person Board Meetings – Doug.** Suggestion that we do a slow return to meeting, perhaps a few times a year. Decided on April, July and October, Fran will check with Cherry Hill Library for April and Ro with the Pineland Preservation Association's Southampton location for July.

**Club Logo Stickers** – Doug presented options for 4" or 5" stickers that are round and made for outdoors. White vinyl. We decided on 4" and 500 stickers will cost \$284. Motion was made by Barbara Berman with Ro seconding, Approved by team.

**Leader Emeritus** – Joe Hummel has been suggested and will be invited to the Leader's Banquet if available.

**Mileage Patches/Sticker** – discussion of past offerings for "Grand Mile", etc hiking, biking and kayaking achievements and whether to continue for the future. A patch was awarded for hiking and there is a sticker for kayaking with ability to add dates. Perhaps biking would like a sticker for their helmets. Continue discussion next month.

**Leaders Banquet Update – Barb Berman** – 78 Board Members/Qualified Leaders for 2022.

Gifts – Totes were discussed previously, \$12.50 each decided with a natural-colored Club Logo. \$975 Discussion around First Aid Kits, decided \$8 kits with 87 pieces. \$624.

Gifts will be the totes, stuffed with sign-in sheets, first aid kits, business cards and a club logo sticker. Distribution will be organized by Joe introducing each Activities Leader, who will then call up the trip leaders to come and receive their gifts.

Doug has offered to keep the gifts for those who could not attend for them to pick up later at his office.

Initial invitations have been sent with some reminders to come for those who have not yet responded.

Found ice cream to be an additional \$1.50 per person and discussion around not including unlimited soda. Frank will bring the Club Banner for the front table. There will be a podium and microphone.

Barb will have the agenda available; white table linens with blue napkins. Centerpieces again made by Kristen.

**Newsletter format – Frank** – when posting the current newsletter to the OCSJ website, using the PDF format was difficult without a lot of adjustments, better as a google link, the team agreed.

**Wild Apricot Password Reset Request** – many team members received one, if changed password with the link suggested to go to site directly and change again.

**Questions about Charity events/Non-Club events** – We receive requests all the time to share these events however, we are not a bulletin board for other activities. Can not advertise on our websites/meetup due to Insurance issues and so as not to show favoritism.

## **Adjournment**

Motion made by Barb seconded by Becky. Approved and meeting adjourned.

**Submitted by Recording Secretary** - Vicky Gordon

**President** - Joe Fabian